



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

Act. No matter what.

Support the Reproductive Health Care Act!

What a whirlwind this session has been! We appreciate all of you for making calls and sending messages. We know that it can be difficult to find time to testify in-person or virtually, but if you have the capacity, we need your voices in the room!

The Reproductive Health Care Act, sponsored by Sen. Jen Gross, will ensure all Montanans have a fundamental right to reproductive healthcare, including abortion. This bill will be heard in **Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety, tomorrow (Friday) at 2pm**. Please help us protect Montanan's access to abortion care by **testifying in support of SB437!** If you want to testify virtually, you must sign up by 10pm TONIGHT. We need as many people as possible to testify for this bipartisan bill to affirm our reproductive rights!

Encourage everyone you know to stand up for access to abortion in MT by testifying as well!

Can't make it to the hearing virtually or in-person? You can [send a written testimony](#) about why you agree Montanans must have this right. Deadline for written testimony is also 10pm tonight.

Now for the bills we oppose...

HB625 – This harmful and unnecessary bill is directed at medical providers, undermining their best judgement. Existing state and federal laws already require healthcare workers to provide appropriate, necessary care to patients. [Sign up by 10pm on Sunday](#) to oppose this bill. HB625 will be heard on **Monday at 7am in House Judiciary**.

HB721 – This bill is an essential ban on all second-trimester abortions in the state. The bill is vague and could criminalize doctors who are helping people in tragic and complex circumstances. Under this bill, physicians would be forced to use additional procedures on their patients that are not necessarily as safe, or may not be what they think is best for their patient. Doctors should be able to make decisions based on their professional medical judgment.

If this bill becomes law, a doctor could be convicted of a felony, fined \$50,000, and/or face imprisonment of 5-10 years for providing abortion care. **Please help us in opposing this very restrictive bill that is one more attempt to eliminate access to abortion in**

Montana! This bill will also be heard in House Judiciary on Monday at 7am. [Sign up by 10pm on Sunday to testify virtually or submit written testimony!](#)

NOTE: Many bills are presented during hearings and the agenda is not available until the day of the hearing. If you want to testify virtually, we recommend that you submit your testimony when you sign up in case you are not able to stay for the entire hearing, or in case your testimony is longer than the time limit allows you to read.

If you want to send a message to the committee, go here: <https://Leg.mt.gov/web-messaging/>

You can also call the Capitol switchboard at 406.444.4800 and leave a message for the committee between 7:30 AM and 5 PM.

Thanks to everyone who has taken action so far this session - your voice needs to be heard!

In solidarity,
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